(iv) Advertisements have been placed in the papers to educate the passengers about precautions to be taken while travelling in trains.

The number of beggars and vagabonds picked up by the police from the Delhi Railway Stations during 1994 and 1995 (upto 28.2.95) is 1824.

The number of officers and police constables pulled up during 1994 and 1995 (upto 28.2.95) in this regard is 11 and 12 respectively.

Setting up of State Human Rights Commissions

1351. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has asked the State Governments to set up their own Commissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States which have set up their Human Rights Commissions so far;

(d) the time by which other States are likely to set up their own Commissions;

(e) whether Government propose to broaden the scope of Human Rights; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In February, 1994 the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission, addressed all Chief Ministers of States, Administrators of Union Territory Administrations and Governors of States under President's Rules, in which he had suggested that State Governments should consider the early constitution of State Human Rights Commission as, it was believed that "constitution of such a State Commission could provide a powerful impetus to widening respect for human rights."

(c) and (d) As per the available information only the State Government of West Bengal have set up State Human Rights Commission as per provisions in the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Earlier a Human Rights Commission had been established in the State of Madhya Pradesh by re-orientation, re-designation and expansion of the ambit of the function of the existing State Minorities Commission. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Manipur, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh and Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have informed that the matter regarding setting up of a State Human Rights Commission is under their consideration. State Governments of Assam, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh have informed that a decision has already been taken in principle to set up a State Human Rights Commissions. The State Governments of Mizoram, Meghalaya and Tripura have informed that at present they do not consider it necessary to set up a State Human Rights Commission. The State Government of Goa and the Union Territory Administrations of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep have informed that they do not consider it necessary to set

up a State Human Rights Commission.

(e) and (f) The term "human rights" is already very broadly defined in Section 2 (d) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Government has no proposal to make any amendments in the definition of human rights.

Modernisation of BSF

1352. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise and strengthen the Border Security Force, particularly its water and air wings, to check smuggling of explosive and other materials assisting the terrorists and fundamentalist elements operating operating along the borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether better boats and aircrafts are likely to be provided to the Force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Modernisation and strengthening of the Border Security Force, including the Water and Air Wings, is a continuous and ongoing process.

(c) and (d) In the recent past BSF has been sanctioned 43 speed boats, 2 medium crafts, mechanised boats, 9 country boats, 61 engine-fitted country boats and 14 motor vehicles besides 423 additional posts under its expansion programme.

Scandal in the recruitment of Home Guards

1353. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news published in the Indian Express of 19th January, 1995 that a major scandal in the recruitment of Home Guards involving several senior officials has been unearthed; if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether any enquiry has since been conducted into the affair;

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and who are the persons found involved in it and what action has been taken against them; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to make the recruitment procedure transparent and objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir, Government are aware of the news item in question.

(b) and (c) Government of NCT of Delhi have reported that they had ordered an enquiry by the Director General of Home Guards on the basis of the newspaper report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 19 January, 1995. In his report, the Director General has stated that several incriminating documents were found in the car of a volunteer company commander, Shri Desh Bakht Kaushik, who was found murdered in his car on 25.12.94. These documents suggested that a number of persons were duped by the said volunteer officer who had issued blank sanad numbers to Home Guards volunteers. A total of 15 such persons gave statement that Shri Kaushik had charged money ranging from Rs. 6000|- to Rs. 14,000|- from them for the blank sanad numbers.

A District Staff Officer, against whom allegations of grave lapses had, prima-facie, come to notice in this connection, has been placed